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**UPDATE ON THE 2015 FOREST INSECT CONTROL PROGRAM**

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**MESSAGE**:

The Forestry and Agrifoods Agency wishes to advise that aircraft to be used for the 2015 hemlock looper and spruce budworm control program are tentatively scheduled to arrive in Newfoundland during the first week of July.

Shortly thereafter, testing and calibration of these aircraft will be conducted at the Stephenville airport with calibration including the aerial treatment of a test block using water only in the Landowns area.

Once testing and calibration is completed, aircraft will be repositioned to the Deer Lake airport or Port au Choix airstrip in preparation for the start of the 2015 control program.  Further information will be provided when available.

Protection of forest areas scheduled for treatment will commence once areas are biologically ready for treatment and logistics and weather conditions permit.  First treatments are predicted to begin towards the end of the first week of July.

**This program is being carried out under license from the Department of Environment and Conservation. Additional information can be provided by calling the Department of Environment and Conservation, Pesticides Control Section, at 1-800-563-6181 (Monday-Friday; 8:30 am – 4:00pm).**

Information regarding the time and location of treatments will be available throughout the control program at http://www.nr.gov.nl.ca/nr/forestry/insect_disease/index.html or by calling the Forest Insect Control Program Update Line at 1-877-636-2996 to provide information about the time and location of treatments.  Individuals calling after this time can leave a voice mail message.  Messages are checked daily.

**MAPS OF TREATMENT AREAS ARE AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT LOCAL FORESTRY SERVICES OFFICES, THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION OFFICES AT ST. JOHN'S AND ON THE FORESTRY AND AGRIFOODS WEB SITE.**

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